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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) to (f) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" What is meant by the term ' owners holdings ' and from what is it distinguished? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Holding by owner (laughter) as against estate holder."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" I want to know whether the term ' owners holding ' includes lands leased to others or whether they mean only lands under personal cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" When ownership vests in him, then only he will be called owner."

Local Development Road Works

* 1634 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to hand over the Local Development Road Works to the district boards for execution, as the district boards are expected to maintain them after execution and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no proposal to handover the Local Development Road Works to the district boards for execution.

There is already a machinery set up with the requisite technical staff for execution of these works and it is not considered necessary to make the district boards responsible for their execution."

Motor vehicles with diesel oil engines

* 1635 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have obtained the opinion of any medical experts as to the effect on human health of the smell produced by the diesel oil engines fitted in motor vehicles like buses, motor cars, lorries, etc.;

(b) on whose recommendation or suggestion this system was introduced; and

(c) the number of motor vehicles fitted with diesel oil engines now running in this State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Government have no information.

" (c) 1,286 buses (including 220 buses of Government Transport Department) and 723 lorries fitted with diesel oil engines are now running in this State."

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 467 infra.